

YALE'S VICTORY OVER TIGERS EXPLAINED BY EXPERT BRICKLEY

NOT ALDRICH BUT COACH WHO TURNED TRICK

Change in Football Policy at New Haven Makes Tad Jones Real Boss, and Superiority of Elis Over Princeton on Gridiron Is Result.

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(Harvard's Famous Captain and All-American Star of 1912-13-14.)

UNKNOWN critics in apportioning credit for the splendid victory Yale more or less unexpectedly scored over Princeton on Saturday are divided on the question of whether O'Hearn, the brilliant Eli quarterback, or Capt. Aldrich, the Yale head coach, more credit should go. This contention is built on a solid foundation.

To those who are on what may be termed the inside of Yale football it has been common knowledge that for a number of years the head coach of the Eli team, while having delegated to him all the authority a head coach should possess, has been unable to exercise this authority. Oftentimes his authority has been openly flouted and his orders disregarded.

Officers in this respect have been the Captains of the Yale team. In the old days when football was a matter of push and pull and results were largely determined by the comparative brute strength of the opposing teams, Yale Captains were on the gridiron practically a law unto themselves. The head coach occupied a position of relative unimportance.

With the advent of the open game, and the development of more scientific football and its numerous varieties of attack, coaches have become the most important adjuncts of a successful team. But Yale captains have steadfastly held to the authority their predecessors enjoyed, and the path of Yale coaches has been one of thorns.

Yale Has Been Handicapped By Her Football Captains.

During the last ten years, or since 1910, Yale has had football material probably unsurpassed by any other university. Yet during these ten years Yale has won only one of the eight games she has played against Harvard and, not including the contest on Saturday, has won only three of the eight games played against Princeton. The reason for this comparatively poor showing may be credited to the fact that there has been a division of authority between Yale captains and coaches, or rather that Eli captains have assumed much of the authority a head coach should rightfully have.

Matters have been vastly different this year. By thoroughness, tact and patience Tad Jones has been able to exercise the authority a head coach should possess, and has won the confidence of players. The result has been that he was able to turn out a well-rounded and smooth-running team that not only defeated the Tiger team on Saturday but compared favorably with Yale's star aggregations bygone days.

It has been a delicate situation to handle and few realize just how difficult it has been. But when the whistle blew, ending the contest, there was ample justification for Jones and Johnnie Mack, the Eli trainer, expressing their satisfaction by embracing each other and doing a Mohawk Indian victory dance.

The Eli team was superior to Princeton in every department of the game with the possible exception of forward passing. Her line was stronger in both offense and defense and the Yale backfield, O'Hearn, Jordan, Mallory and Aldrich, outshone Lourie, Garrity, Gilroy and Cleave. Lourie remains as to the forward passing ability of the two teams inasmuch as it was seldom that the Elis were forced to resort to this method of attack, and as another consideration, there is small doubt but that there was a natural desire to cover the strength of this attack for the Harvard game of Saturday.

Not only were the Yale line and backfield superior in both attack and defense, but much better generalship was shown in running the team, and it was not that the Elis were superior in the highly essential detail of physical condition. It was disclosed early in the game that in successfully repelling the vicious Harvard attack of the preceding Saturday the Tiger had received many wounds which had not healed. After the first few plays of the game Princeton, the Princeton right end, was put out, and in the second quarter took one of the big yards of Princeton defense, who had been under a ground round field nearly a week following the Harvard game, had to leave the field. Later, it was necessary to make substitutions for Garrity and Cleave, two Tiger backfield stars. Yet, there hardly any room for doubt but that had all these stars remained in the game the result would have been the same.

Aldrich and O'Hearn Both Played Brilliantly.

Those on the playing field deserving of most credit for the Eli victory were Aldrich and Charlie O'Hearn. The former was a real wonder as a ground round field through the line and on end runs. He was equally good on defense and his tackling was little short of perfection. Not only that, but he booted two goals from the field. O'Hearn deserves much credit not only for the excellent manner in which he ran off his plays but he proved himself a fine broken field runner. This is only his sophomore year, and he bids fair to become one of the best quarterbacks in the history of Yale football.

Tad Jones has given Yale a well conceived offense, run from a balanced and unbalanced line, with the backs in a broken field formation, and the ball being passed through the quarterback. As variations were many and the deceptions were not revealed.

Charlie O'Hearn made the first

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